

# THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Commencing this week, Mr. J. E. Crutchfield, of Greensboro, will be associated with THE COMMONWEALTH, in the capacity of local and news editor and business manager.

While Mr. Crutchfield is not a stranger to newspaper work, he is a stranger to most of the people of Scotland Neck and Halifax county, and those who meet him will do him and the paper a favor by giving him any information of news they may have, and by showing him any favor or courtesy that will be helpful to him in his work.

It is desired that the patrons of the paper and the public generally will be as free to communicate with him as they have been with me. He will do much of the work that I have been doing for a number of years about town and in the county, and I commend him to the confidence of all with whom he has to do.

Mr. Crutchfield is a young man of culture, has a good store of information; and I deem it fortunate, both for myself and the public, that his services can be secured for the help which he will render.

Perhaps it is proper to state that I have thus sought and secured help in my work at the advice of my physician, in order that I may be able to take some rest now and then.

Bespeaking for Mr. Crutchfield the cooperation of the friends of THE COMMONWEALTH, I take this method of introducing him, with the hope and the belief that the acquaintance will be pleasant and profitable to all.

E. E. HILLIARD.

## THE MEETING AT ENFIELD.

The Halifax Branch of the Southern Cotton Association is called to meet in Enfield Tuesday, April 16th, as noted elsewhere in this paper. Hon. E. D. Smith, of Mississippi, general organizer of the Southern Cotton Association, and Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina Division, will be there. It is highly important that every member of the Association in the county be present, if possible, and as many other farmers as can do so.

Mr. Smith is a strong man, well informed in all matters pertaining to the Southern Cotton Association, and this opportunity to hear him should not be lost.

Enfield will gladly welcome the farmers of the county and it is urged that there be a large attendance.

Reduction in the acreage seems to be about the only ground of hope for good prices for cotton next fall.

The readers of the daily papers which have given details of the Thaw trial are promised a relief in a day or two. The trial seems to be nearing the end.

The County Commissioners last week appointed list takers and assessors, and this call to mind that it will soon be time for the tax payers to give in their property for taxation. Heretofore there has always been complaint that people put too low value on their property. Men who were in good circumstances a few days before, suddenly become poor. Men who are honorable and conscientious, ordinarily, seem to be without honor or conscience when it comes to giving in their property for taxation. Let us hope that this year that the tax payers will give in their property at its true value and there will be no room for complaint.

## EPWORTH NEWS.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

EPWORTH, N. C., April 8, 1907. Mrs. B. F. Hart died at her home in Delkiv, Texas on March 26th. Her remains were brought here by her son Benj. Hart and interred in the family burying ground on April 2nd. The burial services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Jackson. She was the daughter of the late Lawrence Lyon, of Edgecombe county and was aged 65 years.

We are not particularly strong on prohibition, but the old argument that it will kill a town or draw trade away from it can no longer be used against it.—Durham Herald.

# News Afloat.

The Southern Educational Conference is in session this week at Pinehurst.

The cold snap last week greatly injured fruit in some parts of the State.

Mr. W. B. Harper succeeds Mr. J. P. Wiggins as editor of the Maxton Chief.

Greenville, Kinston and Washington are making a lively fight for the eastern training school.

Mr. H. B. Hardy, the well known newspaper man of Raleigh, is to be married April 11th to Miss Mabel Pickard, of Jackson, N. C.

Senator S. M. Beasley, of Currituck county, went to Arkansas in search of his little son Kenneth, but the boy he found there was not Kenneth. The likeness was striking, but it was not his child.

Governor Glenn has appointed Rev. D. A. Long, of Graham, and Prof. F. S. Blair, of Guilford College, delegates from North Carolina to the National Arbitration and Peace Conference at New York to be held April 14.

From the Tarboro Southerner we learn that the public school house in Rocky Mount township, near the farm of E. L. Draughtridge, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday. There was \$200 insurance on the building.

The recent gift of \$6,000,000 by Andrew Carnegie to the Carnegie Institute raises the amount of his benefactions in Greater Pittsburg to \$32,000,000, the largest sum, it is said ever given by one individual to one place in all history.

Several car loads of exhibits for the Jamestown Exposition have been sent out from Raleigh. The allowance of \$9,200 to the State Agricultural Department for our exhibit there will be used to the best advantage. The floor space will be 40 x 75 feet.

Last Tuesday on Mrs. J. W. Powell's Falling Run place, two colored women went fishing in Swift creek. One of them fell from a steep bank and drowned in two feet of water. Her hands stuck in the mud, and being a large woman the other one couldn't pull her out, so she ran a mile for assistance, which came too late.—Tarboro Cor. News and Observer.

At Teachey's a few days ago a young man named Dobson lost his life in a peculiar accident. While climbing a ladder with gun in hand in order to reach the top of his father's barn he lost his balance and fell to the floor not retaining hold of the gun. The weapon was discharged when it came in contact with the floor and the load from one barrel took effect in the side of the head and he died within a few minutes.

Some people in Greensboro deposited with a fortune-teller a large amount of valuable jewelry, it was said to the amount of ten thousand dollars, in order that he might more accurately prophesy concerning them. When the time for the prophecy arrived the fortune-teller was out of place. The Charlotte Observer remarks that those people ought to be ashamed to prosecute the fortune-teller.

Something more than two years ago Chalmers White and Thomas White were convicted in Rowan court for murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for six years. They had served two years, and application was made for their pardon. Governor Glenn prosecuted them and so asked to be excused from considering their application, and turned it over to the Council of State. After hearing the application and going over the evidence they recommended pardon, and Gov. Glenn accordingly granted the pardon.

## Judge Uses Forceful Language.

Judge W. B. Simmons, of Fincastle, Va., told the reporter that L. & M. Paint was used on his residence in 1882, and held its color well for 21 years; he furthermore said that three years ago he was induced to use another paint and is sorry he did because the other paint didn't make good. The Judge will now always use L. & M. because he knows if any defects exist in L. & M. Paint the house will be repainted for nothing.

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# SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION.

Enfield, Tuesday, April 16, at 11 o'clock.

At the last meeting of the Halifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Association in Halifax, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Enfield May 3rd. The time has been changed from May 3rd to Tuesday, April 16th.

Hon. E. D. Smith, of Mississippi, general representative of the Southern Cotton Association, and President C. C. Moore, of Charlotte, will be in Enfield April 16, and wish to meet every member of the Southern Cotton Association in Halifax county, and all farmers who are not members.

Mr. Smith is an eloquent advocate of the claims of the Southern Cotton Association, and every farmer should avail himself of the opportunity to hear him. Let there be a full meeting of the Association at Enfield April 16.

E. E. HILLIARD, President Halifax County So. Cot. Ass'n.

## WILLIAMSON'S PLAN OF CORN CULTURE.

(News and Observer.)

No matter affecting agriculture has been more generally discussed of late than the Williamson plan of corn culture, a long account of which was recently printed in these columns. Without knowing much about it, the letter of Mr. Williamson, detailing his experience impressed most people that it was a method of corn culture that meant great things for Southern agriculture. About the time we were settling down to the conclusion that it was all right, here comes along our old friend Prof. W. F. Massey, editor of the Practical Farmer, who calls it "a Jack-o-lantern method." His opinion is entitled to serious consideration. Writing to Mr. A. B. Heavener, of Lincolnton, Prof. Massey says:

"Since writing to you yesterday I have received the paper you sent. It is a good illustration of how easily farmers jump to conclusions without careful investigations. I know Mr. Williamson and know that he is perfectly sincere, and believes that his success is due to the stunting of the corn, when in fact it is due to the lavish way he fertilizes it. You will note he advises 200 pounds of cotton seed meal, 200 pounds of acid phosphate and 400 pounds of kainit, and to this 800 pounds he adds 125 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre. These at present prices would cost \$12.50. Then to make 100 bushels per acre he doubles the mixture and uses 300 pounds of nitrates of soda, all of which would cost \$22.50 per acre. On land where the first named mixture would make a yield of 50 bushels per acre I am sure that the land would make at least 25 bushels without the fertilizer and the extra 25 bushels will cost 50 cents a bushel for the fertilizer alone. Then it is proposed to leave all the stover and feed on the land as manure, which is a waste of feed, since the food value of the fodder is lost, and he could get the feeding value and recover most of the manurial value in the droppings. Then you will note that none of the men who claim such great results from the Williamson method have ever tested it alongside of the same method without the fertilizer, or with the ordinary method of cultivation alongside without fertilizer."

"At the Alabama station they found that the increase in corn did not near pay for the fertilizer. The whole thing is a good illustration of how ready farmers are to fly off on a fad in the South, instead of adopting a regular system of farming for the improvement of their land, but are everlastingly playing into the hands of the fertilizer trust."

"You understand that the land about Darlington, where Mr. Williamson lives, is a sandy, piney woods section, much of it is very deep sand, and the deep planting there could not be adopted on the red clay uplands of North Carolina. I do not think that the farmer in your section who farms right and grows hay and feeds stock need ever buy a cents worth of fertilizer for corn, and if he grows plenty of peas he need never buy any complete fertilizer for anything, but can keep his land improving with only the liberal use of acid phosphate and potash, and most of that on the peas."

The above letter appeared in last week's Lincoln County News and in a postscript Mr. Massey says he has written fully because he does not wish farmers "to be led astray after a Jack-o-lantern method." Farmers should investigate the matter for themselves.

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## THE POPULAR COMPANY.

The Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, is the popular company, and one reason for its great popularity is found in the exceptionally large dividends to policy holders.

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1897—\$5.07
1898—\$5.76
1899—\$6.48
1900—\$7.21
1901—\$7.87
1902—\$7.99
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E. E. HILLIARD, Special Agent. Scotland Neck, N. C.

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A well known authority states that these ingredients are mainly of vegetable extraction, and harmless to use, and can be obtained at small cost from any good prescription pharmacy. Those who think they have kidney trouble or suffer with lame back or weak bladder or Rheumatism should give this prescription a trial, as no harm can possibly follow its use, and it is said to do wonders for those people.

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## Land Sale for Taxes.

I shall sell to the highest bidder at the court house in Halifax on Monday, May 6, 1907, for taxes in Halifax county for the year 1907, the following lands:

### PALMYRA TOWNSHIP.

Allen Mabry, Jr. 72 acres tax and cost \$7.04.  
Harry Spruill 85 acres tax and cost \$6.75.  
Crawley Spruill 25 acres tax and cost \$4.22.  
Ed. Webb 7 acres tax and cost \$2.52.

### SCOTLAND NECK TOWNSHIP.

Lon Wilson 1 acre tax and cost \$1.15.  
Charles Turner 40 acres tax and cost \$2.87.  
C. C. Baker 12 acres tax and cost \$2.20.  
J. W. Clark 1 town lot tax and cost \$6.43.  
Weldon C. Smith 3-4 town lot tax and cost \$3.55.  
John Horton 1 acre tax and cost \$1.15.  
Lena Hill 1 town lot tax and cost \$1.79.  
Anderson Johnson 10 acres tax and cost \$2.99.

### CONOCONARA TOWNSHIP.

Fred Dawson 25 acres Baker land tax and cost \$1.93.  
John Epps 30 acres residence tax and cost \$5.40.  
John Fenner estate 180 acres tax and cost \$7.83.  
Gee Tillery 1 acre Pope land tax and cost \$4.70.  
Cornelius Howard 60 acres tax and cost \$7.74.  
Malisin Alston 30 acres tax and cost \$1.80.  
W. B. Harris 51 acres Harris land tax and cost \$2.99.  
F. A. Fitzpatrick 133 acres tax and cost \$3.79.

C. W. DUNN, Tax Collector.

## Notice.

North Carolina—Halifax County.

Having qualified as administratrix of J. W. Leggett deceased, late of Halifax County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to my attorneys, Messrs. Kitchen & Smith, on or before the 5th day of March, 1908 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 7th day of March, 1907.  
JAMES MARGARET LEGGETT, Per Attorneys, Kitchen & Smith. 3-7-6t.

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## Notice.

By virtue of power vested in W. A. Dunn, by a certain deed of trust duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county N. C., in Book 145, at page 288, to which reference is made, and by virtue of power vested in me by the law as executor of the said W. A. Dunn, now deceased, I will on the 4th day of May, 1907, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., the following described real estate, to-wit:

That tract or parcel of land in the town of Scotland Neck N. C., on which T. H. Pritchard formerly resided, beginning on Main street of said town, at the old J. R. Ballard line, thence along said Ballard line in a westerly course to the late W. H. Shields line, thence in a northwesterly direction along the Shields line to a lane, formerly the corner of the Shields land and the Gilliam land, thence in an easterly direction along said lane and the Shields land to Mrs. M. H. Smith's line, a corner, thence along said Smith's line, a southwest-erly course, seventy seven yards, thence in an easterly course along said Smith's line to Main street, thence down Main street, to the beginning, containing ten acres more or less.

This 4th day of April, 1907.  
NOAH BIGGS, Executor of W. A. Dunn. 4-11-4t

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## 100 Pounds Seed Cotton

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Scotland Neck, N. C. 4-4-3t

## Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax county, rendered on the fifth day of March, 1907, in the cause entitled A. L. Pope vs. Clara Pope and others, Ex parte, the same being a proceeding to sell land for partition, we will sell the below described tract of land, for cash, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Halifax at 12 o'clock on the 5th day of May, 1907, it being the 5th Monday in May.

That tract of land in Conococheague township, Halifax county, North Carolina, and known as the "Pope" land, containing three hundred and sixty-five acres more or less, and bounded by the lands of W. Land, Kelly Weeks, J. E. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Barnes, The North Carolina Lumber Company, and others.

This tract of land will be cut into six shares, and will be sold according to the survey of said shares, which survey and plot will be exhibited at Court House on day of sale.

This 22nd day of March, 1907.  
J. H. KEENE, A. H. KITCHIN, Commissioners. 3-28-4t